

Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council

Meeting of November 16, 2015

Council Members Present:

Jeremy Christensen, DSAMH, Chair (for Doug Thomas)
Dallas Earnshaw, Utah State Hospital (USH), via telephone
Laura Thompson, Attorney General's Office (AG)
Lori Smith, Board of Pardons/Parole
Carrie Cochran, Adult Probation/Parole (AP&P)

Mike Hoglund, Utah Department of Corrections (DOC)
Susan Burke, Juvenile Justice System (JJS)
Claire Mantonya, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council (UDDC)
Ron Gordon, Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)

Others Present:

Brent Kelsey, Division Substance Abuse/Mental Health (DSAMH)

Erin Sullivan, Disability Law Center (DLC)

Others via Telephone:

Jana Gierisch (USH)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 18, 2016, 1:00 pm, DHS Building, 195 North 1950 West, 2nd, Floor, Room 2026, SLC

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Welcome and Introductions	Jeremy Christensen welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that Doug Thomas was out of town on business and he would be chairing today's meeting. Introductions were made.	
Approval of May 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes	The pending meeting minutes of May 4, 2015 were reviewed. Laura Thompson made a motion to approve minutes as written. Lori Smith seconded. Minutes were approved as written.	Minutes were unanimously approved.
System/Program Highlights	Jeremy welcomed Carrie Cochran who has been appointed to the Council. She replaces Tammy Hart, representing Adult Probation and Parole. Laura Thompson reported there were no updates from the AG office for this Council. Erin Sullivan reported there were no updates from the DLC for this Council. Lori Smith reported there were no updates from Board of Pardons/Parole for this Council. Ron Gordon reported there were no updates from the CCJJ for this Council. Mike Hogland reported that DOC has been able to hire new therapists with the JRI funding. It is making a difference and is encouraging to the prison. They have five	

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	<p>employees in Draper and one in Gunnison. They are located in the different housing areas and are able to give more services to people with mental illness.</p> <p>Carrie Cochran reported AP&P were able to hire two new therapists with the JRI funding. They have had some challenges hiring therapists in the rural areas. They plan to establish a treatment resource center in all of the AP&P offices. They are currently developing programming and then will begin implementation of the program.</p> <p>Claire Mantonya reported UDCC has a five-year plan that focuses on behavioral health. She stated there the need to continue thinking about how to focus on the rural workforce development and building capacity. She is hoping this Council could bring this challenge up as an issue to the Legislature.</p> <p>Susan Burke reported that JJS has been able to expand their clinical services but are still unable to attract psychiatric and psychological services due to wages. Turnover is high for them as well. JJS has recently assumed operations of the Salt Lake Valley Detention Center and operating it themselves and are trying to do for all detention centers. She reported there is a great partnership in Blanding. They have eliminated contracts for outside clinical services and JJS is getting better service by providing more frequent services. Susan reported there are still concerns with screening for mental health issues. Probation intake is an area where early screening is not getting done and it is a missed opportunity. This will continue to be evaluated. JJS is getting to the point where they are seeing the screening information is really useful and are working to make it available to the Courts and AP&P. It is not to be used as a diagnostic tool. JJS is also moving away from a residential observation and assessment. An in-home observation and assessment pilot has begun in Salt Lake County and the Ogden area. JJS has youth staying at home where they come into the office for treatment. Observation is done at home, where they work with the family, and in an after-school program. It gives JJS an opportunity to look at how to better utilize that facility especially for the youth with competency issues. Research supports keeping youth at home and in the community, when safe to do so, is a contributing factor to helping reduce recidivism.</p> <p>Brent Kelsey reported DSAMH has completed the JRI rules and they will be posted this week. The JRI juvenile portion identifies form and content of effective substance abuse treatment, assessment, screening, prevention and education. Also included is a standard for programs by the justice system. The rule was created with a committee from the</p>	<p>DSAMH rules will be sent to the Council.</p>

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	<p>USAAV subcommittee, all clinical directors in DSAMH system, the court, CCJJ and others. DSAMH realizes that there may be changes needed at a later date. Having the rule in place will allow us to start certifying programs and getting implementation under way. Brent asked that as the Council look at the rules and have concerns that they notify DSAMH who will modify the rule as necessary. Brent reported that DSAMH met with the counties last week and HB 348 created a tremendous amount of change for everybody. People at the local level have expressed need for on-going clarification as they move forward. There is a need to continue to get information out to local communities about goals and expectations related to this law.</p> <p>Dallas Earnshaw reported the USH hosted the Western Psychiatric State Hospital Association conference. This conference has representatives from all the State Hospitals from every state except South Dakota. The focus of the three-day conference including environment, safety, patient programming, staffing issues, and training. One entire day focused on forensic issues and best practices in competency restoration and managing the patient population as some states see a growing problem with violence.</p>	
Budget/Legislative Updates/Issues	<p>Jeremy asked if anyone had any budget/legislative updates/issues that need to be discussed.</p> <p>Claire Mantonya stated that she would like to discuss possible ways to request more money for hiring staff. She reported that she is working within DSPD to get those providers but it alike everyone has the same issue. Mike Hogland stated that the loan repayment program was useful in the past but is not currently available for Draper. He suggested that this be revisited at a state level to see what can be done. Brent Kelsey stated in the past DSAMH had a state loan repayment program that was for the rural areas of the state. It was limited in terms of dollars and who it could be used for and there were years it was not expended, due to the restrictions. He stated it could be a helpful recruitment tool if done correctly. Jeremy Christensen stated that adequate wages need to be advocated for. Laura Thompson suggested there needs to be good documentation for recruitment efforts. Susan Burke stated also HR may provide turnover reports/data on that particular area as well. Claire stated as a Council we could say that we are seeing this across systems and it impacts all of us. She thinks it is something that we want to take away to each to be going and bringing back any research or information or have/could between now and bring back at the next meeting. Mike stated psychiatrists and psychologists seem to be the biggest issue. Dallas Earnshaw reported that at the USH they can do a lot of studies and get data, but it really comes to a global value about how they view the social services and how they are prioritized. GOMB has been trying to identify</p>	Legislative/Public Advocacy efforts Regarding Wage, Recruitment and Workforce Development will be added to the April 2016 agenda.

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	focus on where the gap the biggest. DHRM has been working to help USH look at the different funding for salary increases, hot spots, the MCA list, and the general COLA for all state offices. He suggested that the Council members continue to communicate the difficulties they are having in regards to wage and workforce recruitment efforts.	
USH Updates	Dallas stated that the USH is continuing to see some success with jail outreach. They have two staff members that are trained to go into the jails to complete a prescreening and assessment and to identify individuals that may be able to possibly achieve restoration before admission to the hospital. To date, since implementation of jail outreach, the USH has identified 22 individuals that were able to be restored while in the jail without need of restoration services at the Hospital. They are requesting additional funding to see if they can expand this program. The USH is currently using contracted evaluators to complete the restoration in jails as they have had difficulty recruiting a full-time psychologist for this position.	
Other Business/Updates	There being no other items for discussion, Claire Mantonya made a motion to adjourn the meeting.	The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be held Monday, April 18, 2016 at DSAMH in room 2026	